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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

[ISSUED JULY 15TH, 1868.]

SESSION 1867-8.

Twelfth Meeting (ANNIVERSARY), 1 P.M., *May 25th*, 1868.

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, BART., K.C.B., PRESIDENT, in
the Chair.

THE Secretary, Mr. R. H. Major, read the Rules for the conduct of the Anniversary Meetings of the Society and the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting. The President then nominated, as Scrutineers of the Ballot, Charles White, Esq., J.P., and Dr. Webster.

The following new Fellows were elected:—William Dell, Esq.; J. S. A. Dunbar, Esq.; the Hon. Anthony Forster; Sir Francis Goldsmid, Bart.; Rev. William Green, M.A.; Lieutenant-Colonel William Gray, M.P.; Captain Henry M. Jones, v.c., &c.; Daniel M. Kisch, Esq.; Francis D. Lambert, Esq.; George William Nicol, Esq.

The Report of the Council was then read, and its adoption put to the Meeting and carried,

Professor W. HUGHES, of King's College, asked permission to express the extreme gratification with which, as an old Fellow of the Society, he had listened to the passages in the Report relating to the offer of Prizes for Geography to the chief public schools. He felt grateful to the Council for this additional encouragement to the cause of geographical education. Few had more reason than himself to know how much the study of geography needed such encouragement in our schools and colleges. As a teacher of geography during upwards of a quarter of a century, he was perfectly convinced that we should never, in our high-class institutions, have a due regard

paid to this subject until we had some such direct encouragement as that which the Council of the Geographical Society proposed to offer.

The PRESIDENT then proceeded to deliver the Royal Medals for the encouragement of geographical science and discovery. The FOUNDER'S MEDAL to Dr. A. PETERMANN, of Gotha, for his important services as a writer and cartographer in advancing the science, and for his well-known publication, the '*Geographische Mittheilungen*,' which for twelve years has greatly aided the progress of geography. The PATRON'S GOLD MEDAL to Mr. GERHARD ROHLFS, for his extensive travels in the interior of Northern Africa, and especially for the great journey in which he traversed the continent from Tripoli to Lagos, in the Gulf of Guinea. A gold watch was also awarded to the Pundit employed by Captain T. G. Montgomerie for the route-survey made from Lake Manasarowar to Lhasa, in Great Thibet. Dr. Petermann received both medals, replying for himself and M. Gerhard Rohlf, who is now in Abyssinia. The Pundit was represented by Viscount Strangford, who received the watch and replied in his behalf.

The sum of Five Pounds was presented to Mr. W. J. WILSON, being the annual prize for geography offered by the Society in the Society of Arts' Examination. Mr. Wilson was presented by Mr. Le Neve Foster, Secretary of the Society of Arts.

On the motion of Admiral Sir GEORGE BACK, seconded by T. H. BROOKING, Esq., the following alteration was ordered to be made in the Regulations, whereby Fellows in future will be restricted, in consequence of the want of space, to the admission of one friend only at the evening Meetings:—

“That the last two lines of Article II., Section iii., Chapter 5, of the Regulations be omitted: viz., ‘but should a Fellow desire to introduce a second [visitor], he can do so by applying to the Secretary for a special card of admission.’”

The following Resolution on the subject of a portion of the premises (stables) leased by the Society, which have been taken by the Waterloo and Whitehall Railway Company, was proposed by A. G. FINDLAY, Esq., seconded by W. BOLLAERT, Esq., and adopted by the Meeting:—

“That the arrangement entered into between the Trustees of the Royal Geographical Society and the Waterloo and White-

hall Railway Company, whereby the purchase-money for the sale to the said Company by this Society of certain leasehold hereditaments, situate in Great Scotland Yard, in the parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, in the county of Middlesex, and held in trust for this Society (and which Premises are required for the purposes of the Waterloo and Whitehall Railway, and are numbered 10 in the Parliamentary Plan and Book of Reference of the said Railway deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for the county of Middlesex), was determined at the price or sum of 150*l.*, be and the same is hereby approved and concurred in by this Meeting; and that the Council be and are hereby authorised to carry such arrangement into effect, and to complete the said sale, and to affix the seal of this Society to the Assignment of the said Premises."

The PRESIDENT then delivered his Annual Address on the progress of geography. At its termination, Admiral R. COLLINSON proposed a vote of thanks to the President, with a request that he would allow the Address to be printed. The motion was seconded by C. WHITE, Esq., and carried unanimously by the Meeting.

At 3 P.M. the result of the Ballot for the President and officers of the ensuing year was reported by the Scrutineers.

The following gentlemen were declared elected: the names in italics being those of the new Committee, and those who change office:—*President*: Sir Roderick Impey Murchison, Bart., K.C.B., F.R.S., &c. *Vice-President*: Vice-Admiral Sir G. Back, D.C.L., F.R.S.; Francis Galton, Esq., M.A., F.R.S.; *Viscount Strangford*; Major-General Sir A. Scott Waugh, F.R.S. *Trustees*: Lord Houghton; Sir Walter C. Trevelyan, Bart. *Secretaries*: Clements R. Markham, Esq., F.S.A.; R. H. Major, Esq., F.S.A. *Foreign Secretary*: Cyril C. Graham, Esq. *Council*: Right Hon. H. U. Addington; John Arrowsmith, Esq., F.R.A.S.; Major-General G. Balfour, C.B., R.A.; Sir Samuel Baker; Thomas H. Brooking, Esq.; *Rear-Admiral R. Collinson*, C.B.; James Fergusson, Esq., F.R.S.; A. G. Findlay, Esq.; Right Hon. Sir Thomas F. Fremantle, Bart.; *Sir H. Bartle Frere*, K.C.B.; *Captain E. A. Inglefield*, R.N., F.R.S.; Captain Felix Jones (late I.N.); Herman Merivale, Esq., C.B.; Captain Sherard Osborn, R.N., C.B.; Captain George H. Richards, R.N.; *Major-General C. P. Rigby*, C.B.; *Major-General Sir Henry C. Rawlinson*, K.C.B., M.P.; Sir Charles Nicholson,

Bart.; Thomas Thomson, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.; *Lord Wharnccliffe*; *Sir Harry C. Verney, Bart.*, M.P. *Treasurer*: Reginald T. Cocks, Esq.

A vote of thanks to the retiring Vice-President, members of Council and Committees, and to the Auditors and Scrutineers, was proposed by Keith Johnston, Esq., and seconded by F. Trestrail, Esq., after which the Meeting separated.
